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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/691,434
Filing Date	August 2, 1996
First Named Inventor	Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.
Group Art Unit	2822
Examiner Name	M. Wilczewski
Attorney Docket Number	0756-1551

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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## Complete if Known

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27

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## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 790	2001 395	Utility filing fee	
1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee	
1003 550	2003 275	Plant filing fee	
1004 790	2004 395	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
-20** =	X \$18 =		
Independent Claims -3** =	X \$88 =		
Multiple Dependent	=		

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

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## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215		Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490		Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 765		Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1040		Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170		Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,370	2453 685		Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,370	2501 685		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 490	2502 245		Design issue fee	
1503 660	2503 330		Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50		Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 790	2809 395		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810 790	2810 395		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b))	
1801 790	2801 395		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$790.00
1802 900	1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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